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SUBJECT ECONADS: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF EAST/
WEST TRADE

1. UNEXPECTEDLY, THE AGENDA (SEPTTEL) FOR THE MARCH 30
ECONADS MEETING INCLUDES DISCUSSION OF C-M(77)12, "TRADE
BETWEEN THE NATO AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1975," MARCH 7.
IF ADDRESSEES HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR POUCHED COPIES,
SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL TEXT (WITH EXCEPTION OF COVER NOTE)
IS TO BE FOUND IN AC/127-WP/497.

2. THIS IS THE THIRTEENTH IN A SERIES OF LARGELY HISTORICAL
AND STATISTICAL REPORTS, NORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL
"FOR INFORMATION" (I.E. WITHOUT INTENTION THAT THERE
SHOULD BE NAC DISCUSSION). WE UNDERSTAND FROM ECONADS
CHARIMAN BULLY THAT CERTAIN PERMREPS (SHO HE COULD NOT
IDENTIFY) HAD ASKED TO HAVE THIS REPORT SCHEDULED FOR
DISCUSSION, PERHAPS ONLY TO BALANCE THE PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM-
A POSSIBLY CONTENTIOUS DEBATE ON THE DECLASSIFICATION
AND USE OF A REPORT ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES
(USNATO 1346).

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3. USNATO 545 AND STATE 23810 REFLECT OUR LAST EXCHANGE
ON THIS REPORT, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE FEB 21
ECONADS MEETING FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE COUNCIL.
WE SUGGEST THAT THE AMBASSADOR FOREGO FURTHER COMMENT
AT THE MARCH 30 NAC UNLESS THERE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPMENTS
IN THIS FIELD DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW
WHICH HE WOULD WISH REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL.

4. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN THE REPEATED CONCERN AT NAC LEVEL
WITH POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES RELATED TO EAST-WEST

TRADE, WE CAN EXPECT THAT THERE MAY BE QUESTIONS FROM ALLIED
PERMREPS CONCERNING THE ROLE OF WESTERN CREDITS, ECONOMIC AND
SECURITY ASPECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFERS -
PARTICULARLY IN THE ENERGY AREA, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
OECD WORK IN E-W ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND PERHAPS EVEN THE
IMPACT OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS ON US/SOVIET TRADE PROSPECTS
(E.G., JACKSON-VANIK). WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE
THE DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER BEYOND THAT IMPLICIT IN THE
SECREGARY'S MARCH 4 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS THAT US/SOVIET
TRADE WILL BE A CONTINUING UNDERPINNING OF THE DETENTE
RELATIONSHIP. IF IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO THE NAC
DISCUSSION WE WOULD DRAW ON THOSE REMARKS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER GUIDANCE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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